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For: **Death Domain Containing
Receptor-4 Antibodies**



Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: To be assigned

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Information Disclosure Statement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of documents AL1 and AN1 are provided herewith. Copies of the remaining documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. 09/013,895, filed January 27, 1998, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/013,895, filed January 27, 1998, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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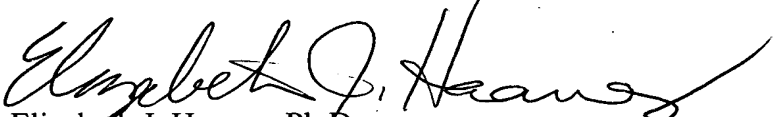
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets citing 13 documents);
3. Documents attached (AL1 and AN1); and
4. Return postcard.

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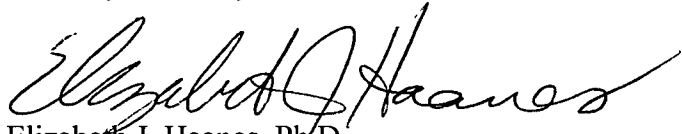
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